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President Emeritus Charles Seymour
 Yale University
 New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Charlie:

Just over forty years ago in 1919, we were working together at the Paris Peace Conference. As a young officer in the Diplomatic Service, you generously gave me an opportunity to share in the work which you, Isaiah Bowman and the other distinguished members of the Inquiry were doing. In this preparatory work for the Conference, rarely have negotiators been so well heeled with the hard facts as in the studies which you and your co-workers laid before them.

In particular I remember our work together as the two American members of the Czechoslovak Boundary Commission. Maybe in the banana-shaped state which resulted from this work we did not do as artistic a job as we might. However, we were not alone and possibly some of the issues we fought for then should have been realized. Anyway the state has survived with some amputation, it is true, but still much as it was drawn then. Some day it will again be free.

This experience with you in 1919 - carried on all too sparsely to my regret in later years - left a real impression on me and had its effect in guiding me in the work in which I am now engaged.

The zeal you then showed in getting at the facts and in fearlessly backing the conclusions they dictated has always been an inspiration to me.

With all best wishes for your 75th Anniversary.

Faithfully yours,

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Dr. Howard B. Gotlieb
Yale University Library
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Howard:

Somewhere, somehow, your letter of August 18 became buried and as I was cleaning my desk today for a few days vacation in the South, I came across it.

Probably too late but still a day or two before the deadline, I send you my letter in honor of Charlie Seymour, my respected friend.

Faithfully yours,


Allen W. Dulles
Director

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